



Members of the 820th Civil Engineering Squadron spread a concrete floor for the community center in St. George's, Grenada.

## Civil Engineers Use "Midas Touch"

**St. George's, Grenada** — The people here have long awaited a community center to call their own. Now, thanks to a special team of Air Force civil engineers, the residents of one bustling neighborhood will soon see their wishes come true.

Despite several challenges, including mountainous terrain surrounding the site and the early arrival of the rainy season, the 820th Civil Engineering Squadron from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., has kept plans and progress right on schedule. This special civil engineering team, part of Joint Task Force Midas, worked long hours and late nights to ensure the foundation and concrete floor pad were completed, so construction could begin.

The 60-by-40-foot building will contain a large multipurpose room, a three-part kitchen room for teaching home economics, three separate meeting rooms, shower/wash-rooms, staff offices and a children's room.

"It will be a great building. It has what we call 'majestic curb appeal,' meaning it will make a

striking first impression on someone driving by and glancing at it from the street," said Staff Sgt. William C. St. Peter, site developer. Some of the best features are the front and rear patios, which allow places for outdoor activities. Such other details as built-

in planters surrounding the building and a 20-foot high tower at its center also help increase the facility's aesthetic appeal. — *Air Force Maj. Donna Nicholas, Joint Task Force Midas Public Affairs Office*

## Uncle Sam Returns to Support Military

**Springfield, Va.** — James Montgomery Flagg's most famous painting of Uncle Sam has been called back to serve the military again in a cam-



James Montgomery Flagg's famous poster now bears a new message.

paign to ask the nation to thank its service members.

This time around, Uncle Sam — declaring "I Want You" — becomes a spokesman for the Department of Defense Joint Outreach Initiative. Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen developed the program to maximize efforts to "reconnect" America with its military. The Armed Services YMCA, with graphics design assistance from Raytheon Corporation, has printed 200,000 posters. The National Guard and Reserves are distributing more than half of the posters.

"We wanted to play a part in reminding people about the tremendous sacrifices our service members make," said Frank Gallo, Armed Services YMCA executive director.

Flagg's famous image of Uncle Sam was first published as the cover for the July 6, 1916, issue of Leslie's Weekly. Its popularity made Uncle Sam the perfect image for the Army's World War I recruiting effort.

The Armed Services YMCA has resurrected the image to encourage people to thank military service members. The organization, an affiliate of the nationally recognized YMCA, serves more than 50 program locations throughout the United States. Requests for more than 1,000 printed posters may be directed to the Armed Services YMCA at (703) 866-1260, or e-mailed to [asymca@asymca.org](mailto:asymca@asymca.org). For individuals or smaller requests, the poster may be downloaded at [www.asymca.org](http://www.asymca.org). — *Air Force News Service*

## Midshipmen Sample USMC Life

**Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.** — A group of rising seniors from the U.S.

Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., completed the training course at The Basic School, receiving a concentrated dose of what to expect if commissioned into the Marine Corps.

The Leatherneck Program challenges midshipmen to a six-week condensed version packed full of TBS highlights. Though not every participant in the program will enter the Marine Corps, many are considering it.



U.S. Naval Academy midshipman move toward an "enemy" position during the Leatherneck Program training.

"I like the leadership style in the Marines," said Midshipman 1st Class Todd Jacobs, who will probably 'go Marine' because of the corps' competitive nature. "The Marine Corps is very strong on leadership, which is the most challenging part for me."

The 230 midshipmen in the Leatherneck Program not only learned what kind of leadership it takes to be a Marine Corps officer, but also studied corps tactics, history and customs and courtesy.

The Leathernecks training culminated in the "squadathon," in which the future officers had to use all of the skills they had learned over the past weeks in squad-oriented missions such as rescuing a downed pilot and returning him to friendly lines. In two days, the midshipmen conducted more than a dozen missions. — *Sgt. Mikey Niman, Marine Corps News*